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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-55755, published February 25, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-197146, published July 15, 1994.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-276221, published October 13, 1998.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-247211, published September 19, 1997.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated September 6, 2002 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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- Regarding claims 1 and 7: cited literature 1

Cited literature 1 describes the art of performing data transfer in a specific order by linking and listing descriptors.

No substantial technical difference is found between the invention described in claims 1 and 7 and the art described in the aforementioned cited literature 1.

No reasons for rejection have been discovered as of now for inventions as per claims other than the claims pointed out in this notice of reasons for rejection. If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a notice of reasons for rejection will be issued.

List of cited literatures

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-55755

Record of prior art literature search results

- Fields searched IPC 7th Edition
 H04L29/00 - 29/14
- Prior art literatures
 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-197146 (storing table of data link connection descriptors in advance in common memory of layer 2 and higher processor)
 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-276221 (logical channel identifier)
 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-247211 (transmission descriptor)

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